(b) About 69 km. length of NH-4A and 139 km. length of NH-17 have been identified for 4 laning under NHDP Phase-III in Goa. Besides 18.3 km. length of NH-17B is being 4 laned under Port Connectivity.

Work on NH-31

2632. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Expenditure Finance Committee note on the 2nd Revised Cost estimate for realignment of NH-31 from Falakata to Pundibari has been circulated for comments of the appraising agencies;

(b) if so, whether the agencies have submitted their opinion; and

(c) the steps being contemplated to ensure time-bound completion of the realignment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Expenditure Finance Committee note for 2nd Revised Cost estimate amounting to Rs. 6172.17 lakh for realignment of Falakata to Pundibari was circulated to appraising agencies. The comments of the appraising agencies have been received. The balance work can be taken up after sanction of the 2nd Revised Cost estimate. It may take about 2 years to complete the balance work after the award.

Proposals for Inland Water Transport Waterways

2633. SHRI VASANT CHAVAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Maharashtra had submitted thirteen proposals for Inland Water Transport Waterways, costing about Rs. 118.04 crores;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of them that have since been approved indicating their approved cost; and